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## **ALLEGED ‘NUN KILLER’ ARRESTED IN LAS VEGAS** *Pacific Northwest Fugitive Apprehension Task Force tip leads to arrest*

Seven months after allegedly killing a retired nun and International District innkeeper, Stephen M. Banks was apprehended, without incident, in Las Vegas. The Pacific Northwest Fugitive Apprehension Task Force received the case after a warrant was issued on June 10, 2005. The investigation revealed BANKS was working in Las Vegas, Nevada. Task Force investigators and Deputy U.S. Marshals located BANKS at the St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Shelter, where he had been working as a “room monitor.” He was arrested at 2:00 p.m. PST and is being booked into Clark County (NV) Jail on the \$2 million dollar warrant, awaiting extradition back to Seattle.

“This was a brutal and senseless killing,” said U.S. Marshal Eric Robertson. “With this arrest, it is our hope that the investigation can become complete, justice served, and some comfort may be provided to the victim’s family and the community she served.”

The PNWFAT, is a U.S. Marshals-sponsored partnership comprised of investigators from the King County Sheriffs Office, Seattle Police Department, Washington State Department of Corrections, Washington State Patrol and the U.S. Marshals Service. The Task Force is supported by the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative and was formed to concentrate apprehension efforts to remove federal, state and local fugitives from the streets. The Task Force objective is to disrupt illegal gun and drug traffickers in the Pacific Northwest and to reduce the amount of violence in the region.

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